### Minutes 2017

Thursday August 31, 2017 Boardroom of the Commissioners 622 Croghan St., Fremont, OH 43420

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Commissioner Miller led the pledge of allegiance and called session to order. Session began at 8:00am.

Commissioner Schwochow is not in attendance

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- Commissioner Reiter reviewed Tuesday's public session with Commissioner Miller to bring him up to speed.
- Commissioner Miller reviewed his meetings in Washington. There were fifteen speakers.
   There was discussion regarding the MCO tax replacement. He is going to put some notes together to review when Commissioner Schwochow is in next week.
- Commissioner Reiter went over notes she had from the fair.
  - There was a gentlemen wanted to talk about the fact that the Health Dept. does not allow tent camping on private camp grounds in the County.
  - There were some complaints about lack of notice regarding the inmate escape.
     We need to talk to Sheriff about making sure notices are sent out especially to those close to an incident.
  - There were some retired employees that were upset they weren't invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Commissioner Miller went over notes he had from the fair.
  - Someone talked about how poorly lit the road is at River Road and Rt. 6. When
    you go out that way for treatment it is hard to see. This will be passed along to
    the city.
  - Gentlemen talked about being upset about losing CUAV grant money.
  - Residents of Tucker Road were complaining about water flooding. There is a
    hole where line has collapsed and they keep filling it in and they finally called and
    they told them they shouldn't have been filling it in it needs to be repaired. It is
    being taken care of.

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Throughout the day the following occurred ......

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Commissioners reviewed numerous mailings. Minutes from session 8/29/17 were reviewed and approved. Invoices were approved in electronic and paper fashion.

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County Administrator discussion:

- Parking in front of the courthouse. There has been some concerns and complaints about courthouse staff parking in the front of the courthouse. The Board is going to discuss this at the elected officials meeting.
- Engineers and Commissioners meeting is September 11, 2017. Everyone will be attending.
- Community Health Services community room is booked for the opiate discussion that Cindy Welty is planning for October 3, 2017.
- The Board would like to meet with Judge Smith regarding furniture invoice for his offices.
- Talked about replacement and/or repair of furniture from the move.

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Then and Now:

One certificate was presented by the Clerk of Courts for County Court 2. Was not aware of the repairs until after they were completed. One invoice makes up this certificate.

Wide Area Media - \$300.00

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the certificate. Commissioner Reiter seconded the

motion.

Schwochow – absent Reiter – yes Miller – yes

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Personnel actions taken: none

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Travel request: none

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Public forum portion of session proceeded.

Citizen attendees: none

Media attendees: Craig Shoup, News Messenger.

\*\* RESOLUTIONS \*\*\*

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AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FUND WITHIN THE BUDGETARY SYSTEM OF SANDUSKY COUNTY ENTITLED; <u>ADULT PROBATION T-CAP FUND</u>, ASSIGNED FUND #2068

M- Miller S- Reiter

Schwochow – absent Reiter – yes Miller – yes

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ENTERING INTO CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF COUNTY ENGINEER WITH M7B ASPHALT CO. INC., TIFFIN, OHIO FOR CR 198 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

M- Miller S- Reiter

Schwochow – absent Reiter – yes Miller – yes

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APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FROM COMMISSIONERS OFFICIALS BONDS (\$34.00) TO CDBG FUND AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO CDBG BUILDING REPAIR FUND (\$34.00).

M- Miller S- Reiter

Schwochow – absent Reiter – yes Miller – yes

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# APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO CCW FUND WAGES (\$8,776.00) AND BENEFITS (\$2,100.00) LINES

M- Miller S- Reiter

Schwochow – absent Reiter – yes Miller – yes

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Ben Decker came in with a group to talk about foster parenting. A sign in sheet was passed around and introductions were made. Complaints to JFS are not unusual. Many complaints can be resolved fairly easily. Things like not receiving benefits they thought they should have and items easily reviewed.

Today's meeting is to discuss one foster parent case in particular and how other counties and the states deal with foster parenting issues. The focus is not against JFS specifically but the system. The code of confidentiality limits representatives and prosecutors in investigating complaints if you cannot get information. There should be an external investigation process that allows an investigation to take place without imposing on confidentiality. The Ombudsman program will allow this to happen. The person is certified and trained to do this type of work and must have continued training and certification. Foster Parents should have a voice in what is put in the files.

Sandusky County has 90 children in foster care. It is higher than other counties around us. There are also not a lot of long term foster care homes in the county. In the past the prosecutor was legal council. Now legal council is internal which leaves out third party review.

One particular case was reviewed with foster parents. Requests for meetings have been denied to the foster parents, Wood County JFS and Representative Reinecke. There is no way to have and external investigation done to clear up the complaints.

The Ombudsman program was reviewed and how it works. It has been put into a form of a recommendation at the state but not into law. This has been passed around legislator but not fully discussed. There is some pending legislation the Representative Reinecke is working on. The Ombudsman program could be a solution to many complaints.

Ben would like to see the Board of Commissioners to look at ways to building in accountability with the department. He would also like to see the County take a serious look at the Ombudsmen program if/when it is put in place by the state to make sure it is put in place correctly and make it work and not be subjective. Representative Reinecke will be a big key and will be something that will take several meetings to resolve.

The Board will meet with Representative Reinecke to discuss the program and issues and work with him on a solution. Many counties are putting this type of program in place on their own.

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At 12:20pm and with business concluded for the day Commissioner Miller moved to adjourn
with a second to the motion offered by Commissioner Reiter. The ensuing vote was unanimous
in the affirmative.

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Attest:	Clerk to the Board / County Administrator
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Clerk, E	Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio